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Members:	Algeria	Mr. El Hadj Ali
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	Japan	Mr. Haneda
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	Russian Federation	Mr. Konuzin
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ms. Brooker
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mrs. Taj
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

The situation in the Middle East

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The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Middle East

The President (*spoke in French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the Lebanese parliamentary elections held between 29 May and 19 June 2005. It commends the fair and credible character of the vote and pays tribute to the Lebanese people who demonstrated, throughout the process, their strong commitment to democracy, freedom and independence.

"The Security Council congratulates the newly elected members of the Lebanese Parliament.

"The Security Council commends the Lebanese Government for the successful conduct of the elections, in accordance with the constitution and the planned schedule. It expresses its appreciation for the advice and technical support given to the Lebanese authorities by the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division. The Security Council also pays tribute to the crucial contribution of the international observers, notably from the European Union. In this regard, it welcomes the report of the EU observer mission and its conclusions regarding the satisfactory conduct of the four electoral stages.

"The Security Council looks forward to the formation of a new Government in the near future. It stresses that the establishment of this Government in accordance with the constitutional rules and without any foreign interference would be another sign of the political independence and sovereignty of Lebanon.

"The Security Council reaffirms that the Lebanese people must be allowed to decide the future of their country free of violence and intimidation. It strongly condemns, in this context, the recent terrorist acts in Lebanon, in particular the heinous assassination of former leader of the Communist Party George Hawi, and calls for their perpetrators to be brought to justice.

"The Security Council reaffirms its profound commitment to a stable, secure and prosperous Lebanon. It underlines accordingly the need for the newly elected Lebanese authorities to exercise their full sovereignty over the entire territory, to preserve unity through national dialogue, to strengthen the nation's institutions and to respect the principles of good governance, in the sole interest of the Lebanese people.

"The Security Council calls upon the international community to stand ready to examine possible requests from the newly elected Lebanese authorities for enhanced assistance and cooperation, in support of a credible governmental programme of political and economic reform.

"The Security Council reiterates its call for the full implementation of all requirements of resolution 1559 (2004) and urges all concerned parties to cooperate fully with the Security Council and the Secretary-General to achieve this goal.

"The Security Council also calls for the full implementation of resolution 1595 (2005) and looks forward to the cooperation of the newly elected Lebanese authorities in this regard.

"The Security Council reaffirms its strong support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized borders and under the sole and exclusive authority of the Government of Lebanon."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.